When will These projects be cleared ?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: For coal-based plants, the basic requirement is coal-linkage. Unless you first assure coal-linkage, we cannot clear the project. on what are you going to set up the project ? Merely sending the proposal and saying that you want to set up a coal-based thermal power units does not help us. The State Government must also tell us whether they have got coal-linkage. If you can persuade the Government of Maharashtra to secure coal-linkage, we will be able to clear the projects without any delay.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Development of new antibiotics with Soviet collaboration

*82. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Soviet Union is to collaborate with India in the development of new antibiotics to be marketed in the third world countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Possibilities of collaboration for development, production and a sale in the road area of biotechnological products including antibiotics have been discussed with. USSR. However, specific proposals for devlopment of new products are still to be worked out.

Linking of Vishakhapatnam and Vijaywada by gas pipeline

*84. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Vishakhapatnam and Vijaywada by gas pipeline;

(b) if so, what are the details there of including the cost involved;

(c) whether the-detailed project report in this regard has been prepared; and

(d) what are the advantages of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Demonstration by officials of the Central Public Sector Undertakings

*85. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officials of 69 Central public sector undertakings held a demonstration in New Delhi recently demanding immediate implementation of the recommendations of the High Power Pay Committee for revision of their pay scales: and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) and (b) Officers of some of the Central Public Sector Undertakings held a demonstration recently in New Delhi demanding immediate implementation of the High Power Pay Committee Report. The report is under the active consideration of the Government.